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Delay Improves Tshombe Chances

ALGIERS (UPI)—Moise Tshombe's date with the hangman's noose appeared far off today.

Informed sources said last night the Algerian government was "far" from making any final decision on the Congo's extradition request which would send the former Congolese premier to face a death sentence in Kinshasa.

"In view of unexpected elements" discovered in an Algerian investigation into Tshombe's mysterious kidnaping, the sources said the Algerian government ordered a "supplement of information" on the case.

Tshombe was kidnaped on a flight from Ibiza, Spain, to Palma, Majorca, and pirated to Algiers. The Congo filed an extradition request and the Algerian supreme court approved it. But the final decision on Tshombe's extradition lies with President Houari Boumedienne.

The Congo government of President Joseph D. Mobutu convicted Tshombe of treason and sentenced him to death in absentia earlier this year while Tshombe was living in exile in Spain.

The sources said Algeria wanted to know more about the part

played by some "specialized services of Western Europe" in the kidnaping. At the supreme court hearing Tshombe accused the American Central Intelligence Agency for his kidnaping.

Other sources said Algeria was holding up Tshombe's extradition because of its displeasure with the Congo on several issues, including its stand on the Middle East war.